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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF CYCLONE HIT TOWNS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received projects from the Government of Orissa for the development of cyclone hitsmall and medium towns with World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have posed for World Bank funds for the development of those towns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has not posed any proposal for development of cyclone hit small and medium towns in Orissa for the World Bank assistance. However, the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have informed that the International Development Association (IDA) has approved a credit of $46.00 million for the rehabilitation measures in the super cyclone affected areas in Orissa. The letter to this effect has been signed and confirmed by the Government of India, Government of Orissa and the World Bank as an amendment to the World Bank assisted Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project on December 19, 2000.

The project envisages reconstruction and cyclone mitigation activity in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa by identifying immediate emergency solutions using ongoing Bank financed activities, primarily through reallocation of loans/credits proceeds and amendment of on-going contracts, initiate reconstruction activities and also to follow humanitarian assistance programmes. The project also proposes to identify a medium term action plan integrating coastal zone management, poverty alleviation and hazard mitigation activities.

A nautonomous agency, the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority (OSDMA) has been constituted under the Societies Registration Act, for undertaking restoration, reconstruction and rehabilitation work in the State. There is also a provision for direct release of funds by the Project Management Unit in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) to OSDMA under intimation to the Government of Orissa. The Government of Orissa will bear the liabilitiesof funds in accordance with the standard Center-State formula.